

10. (Amended) The method for matching an order of claim 1, wherein the determining step includes a distance calculation between the plurality of normalized dimensions of the active order and a set of normalized dimensions for the passive orders to evaluate relatively close matches for an order.

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11. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the distance calculation includes an iterative process of increasing a range associated with the plurality of normalized dimensions of the active order and comparing the increased range with a set of normalized dimensions for the passive orders to determine an intersection.

12. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the passivating step includes storing the plurality of normalized dimensions for the active order in a data store.

13. (Amended) The method for matching an order of claim 1, wherein the name value pair includes data identifying the homogenous good or service and data relating to the value of the homogenous good or service.

14. (Amended) The method for matching an order of claim 1, wherein the determining step includes calculating an intersection between the plurality of normalized dimensions of the active order and a set of normalized dimensions of the matching order.

15. (Amended) The method for matching an order of claim 1, wherein the rule based filter rejects a match between the active and passive orders

which include identical name value pairs.

16. (Amended) The method for matching an order of claim 1, further comprising the step of notifying an entity associated with the active/passive orders of their mutual existence if the distance calculation meets a predefined criteria.

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cont* 17. (Amended) The method for matching an order of claim 1, further comprising the step of aggregating a set of orders.

18. (Amended) The method for matching an order of claim 1, further comprising the step of deaggregating and resubmitting a remainder order after a match has been completed.
